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1 Belgium maintained the highest security alert for Brussels on Monday with the metro system and schools to reopen only on Wednesday after authorities said there was an imminent threat of an attack in the Belgian capital. The alert level for Brussels would remain at the highest level, four, while in the rest of the country it would stay at three. REUTERS

NEW ORLEANS SHOOTING

2 Police in New Orleans searched Monday for a motive and suspect or suspects in a shooting that wounded 17 people in a crowd of several hundred who had gathered for a weekend block party and music video filming. It was too soon to say whether there were multiple gunmen who opened fire Sunday evening at a playground in the city's Upper 9th Ward, said New Orleans Police Department spokesman Frank Robertson.

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FAA DRONE REGISTRY

3 A Federal Aviation Administration task force on Saturday will submit recommendations for registering drone operators, setting the stage for regulators next month to propose regulations intended to help reverse a surge in rogue drone flights.

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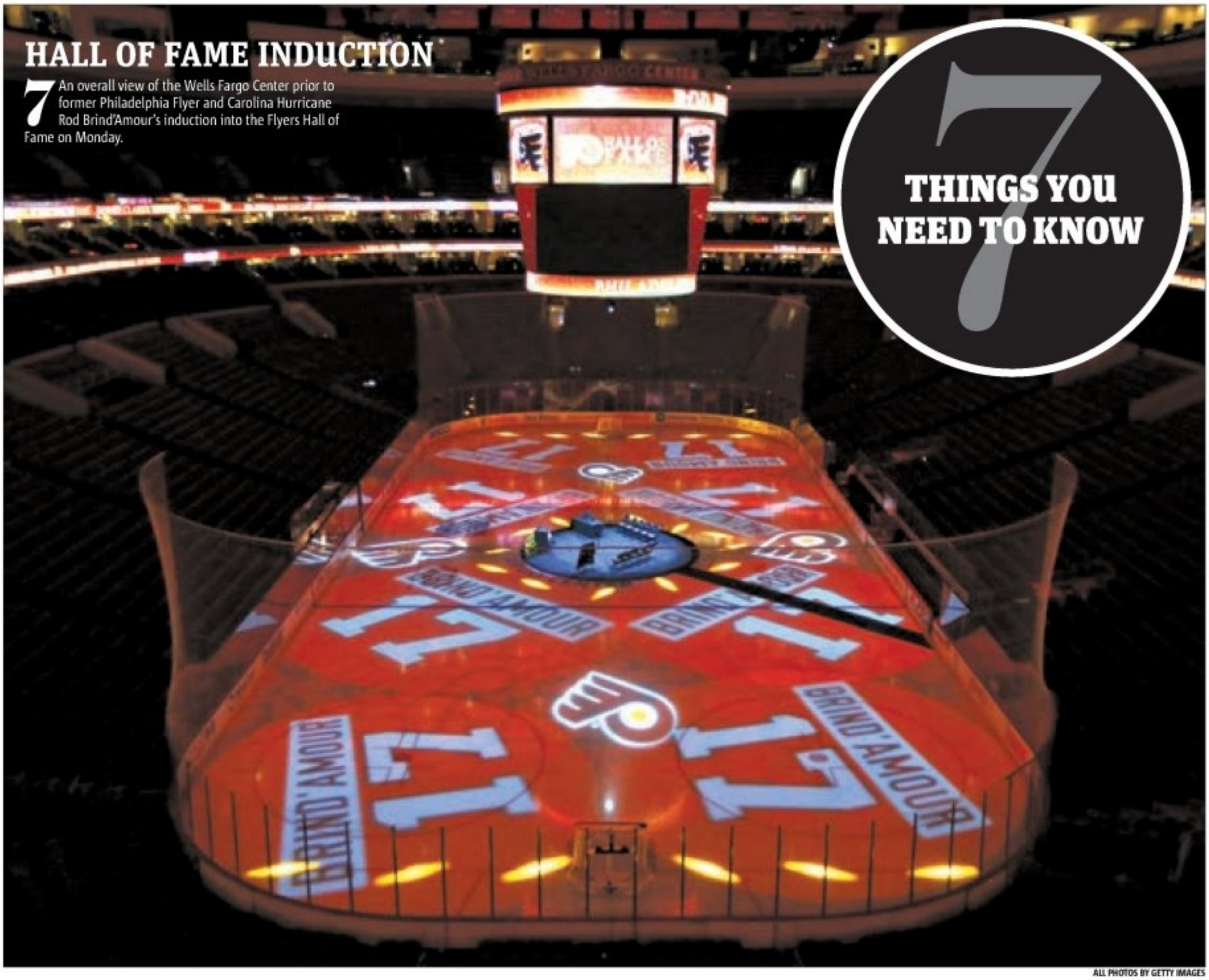
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

7 An overall view of the Wells Fargo Center prior to former Philadelphia Flyer and Carolina Hurricane Rod Brind'Amour's induction into the Flyers Hall of Fame on Monday.



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CHEF CHILD PORN CASE

4 Philly chef Alex Capasso, 42, had his case on child pornography charges formally transferred to New Jersey after a hearing on Monday, reports said. Capasso, a former chef at Max's, Misto, and co-founder of Crow & the Pitcher in Rittenhouse Square, allegedly sent explicit photos of an ex-girlfriend's niece to undercover agents. That ex-girlfriend also faces charges. METRO

BUS TEEN SENTENCED

5 A teenage Bucks County resident has been sentenced for the vehicular homicide death of a student he hit while she was boarding a Bensalem school bus. Michael Shelly, 18, was sentenced to up to 23 months behind bars, with a possible release in a year, and five years of probation in the death of 16-year-old Minete Zeka, ABC reported, adding that Shelly must also contribute to a scholarship fund established in Zeka's memory. Zeka, 16, died after being hit on Bensalem Boulevard on Dec. 17, 2014. JASON NUCKOLLS

CHIPOTLE'S SALES

6 Same-restaurant sales at Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., hit by an E.coli outbreak at several of its restaurants, look set to decline for the first time since the chain was spun off from McDonald's Corp. in 2006. The outbreak had spread to four additional states: California, Ohio, New York and Minnesota. REUTERS

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BRIEF

NJ pot arrests on the rise
New Jersey marijuana arrests jumped 10 percent in 2012 and 2013 while nationwide arrests for pot possession dropped.

According to the latest New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reports, which compiles arrest figures, 24,765 arrests, the highest number in 20 years, were made in New Jersey for possessing small amounts of marijuana in 2013, Philly.com stated.

Udi Ofer, executive director of the state's ACLU chapter, testified at a hearing on pot legalization that the increase in arrests is a cause for concern, Philly.com said. "[The uptick] coincides with a governor who has taken an incredibly harsh tone on marijuana use."

In an email, Kevin Roberts, a spokesman for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, questioned any link between the arrest numbers and Christie's marijuana stance, adding that Christie has said he would veto any bill that would legalize marijuana for adult recreational use because he said he is concerned that marijuana could cause addiction problems and may fall into the hands of children.

The most significant support for marijuana legalization came from the Senate president and anticipated gubernatorial candidate Stephen Sweeney, who was quoted in a related NJ.com report. "I am receptive to the proposal to legalize and regulate marijuana in New Jersey, but I believe we should learn more about how this is working in Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Alaska before making any final decisions," he said. Currently, New Jersey residents face up to six months imprisonment and more than $1,000 in fines for a first-time arrest on a charge of possession of 50 grams or less. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Surveillance photos of the spandex-clad suspects PROVIDED

Philadelphia police are looking for two costumed suspects who they say skipped out on a $40 cab ride, one of them beating the man after he asked to be paid for his services.

Surveillance images released Monday show the suspects, dressed as "The Incredibles" from the popular Disney film.

The couple were picked up by the cabbie at 3:48 a.m. on Oct. 31 near Front and Spring Garden, according to police.

They got a ride to a 7-Eleven on Ridge Avenue and Rector Street up in Manayunk — about 8 miles away — and then exited the cab and went into the 7-Eleven without paying the $40 fare, police said.

"The victim followed the suspects into the store in an attempt to get paid the $40 fare for the ride," police said. "Both the offender and the female walked out of the store, at which time the victim again approached the suspect attempting to get paid for his services."

In response, "Mr. Incredible" punched the cabbie in the face, police said — leaving him with a "severe laceration."

The cabbie was hospitalized for treatment.

Tipsters should call Northwest Detectives at 215-686-3353, call 911 or text a tip to PPDTIP (773847). SAM NEWHOUSE

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In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Metro is once again launching Tony's Metro Magic, our annual toy drive for underprivileged children in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

This year marks the 7th anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor-in-chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to www.metro.us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic logo.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city. This season, we hope you will remember the children who will spend the holidays in shelters or who may not have gifts to open. Even one small gift can make a big difference in a child's holiday season. METRO

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Left, D.A. Seth Williams participated in a daylong sensitivity training session along with prosecutors caught sending or receiving pornographic emails. They were released in court documents by Attorney General Kathleen Kane, including the image at right. FILE PHOTOS

Three Philly prosecutors get sensitivity training

Prosecutors embroiled in email scandal participated in seminar.

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Three prosecutors embroiled in a controversy over pornographic emails have received sensitivity training, along with supervisors and other staff members, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office said Monday.

The training was brought on by a festering scandal over racist, pornographic and homophobic emails. They were sent or received by three prosecutors — Marc Costanzo, Patrick Blessington and Frank Fina — while they worked for the state attorney general's office.

"They found this training seminar as instructional and helpful as I did," said District Attorney Seth Williams, who participated in the daylong training, "Connecting with Respect," of the prosecutors in question. "They have learned from their mistakes."

The emails included fake motivational posters with a pantsless woman performing oral sex on her boss and another engaged in anal sex, captioned: "Take advantage of every opening."

They were unsealed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as part of a tangled, years-long tale of intrigue stemming from the investigation into Attorney General Kathleen Kane, who was charged with perjury over grand jury leaks.

The training was conducted by motivational speaker and workplace consultant Paul Meshanko, CEO of Legacy Business Cultures.

Meshanko did not respond to a request for comment. In a statement released by the district attorney's office, he remarked that employees who took part appeared "engaged and participative."

"I believe the entire group is now much more aware of steps they can take to minimize the degree to which subtle demonstrations of sexism, racism and/or homophobia can taint the otherwise outstanding work done by your office," Meshanko said in a statement.

The Philadelphia chapter of the National Organization for Women has called for Williams to fire the three prosecutors.

"The training was given by a person with a business degree," said Nina Ahmad, president of the Philadelphia chapter of the National Organization for Women, "not anyone with psychological training to unpack such fundamental character traits where anyone who is not like the three men were subjected to vile characterization."

Most sensitivity training, is done to prevent harassment in the workplace, said Deborah Weinstein, a Philadelphia employment attorney who also offers sensitivity training. The DA's training is rare in that it was done after an incident.

> *"Frank, Mark and Patrick are great prosecutors who clearly made a big mistake."*
> D.A. Seth Williams

"Sensitivity training is not discipline," Weinstein said.

She has conducted trainings for groups as part of a company's anti-harassment policy, or in individual instances when an executive has been accused of harrassment but is deemed so essential to the business that they cannot be fired.

She said that yes, people are disciplined for watching pornography on work computers, and she's seen racy emails in companies she's worked with. But the emails found in the prosecutors' inbox were at "the outer edges" of what she sees.

"What these attorneys did would be grounds for termination in the corporate world," Weinstein said.

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Neural pathways inspire his art

A Philly artist and scientist is creating new ways to see inside our heads.

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Left, Brainbow Hippocampus. Right, Cortical Columns. COURTESY OF GREG A. DUNN

Asked for a job description, "artist-neuroscientist" is the one that Dr. Greg A. Dunn, 36, does not reject. But he does insist that the seemingly contradictory vocations be paired, because he doesn't see any way of divorcing his two professions.

"Consider some of the great Impressionist paintings, take Monet," Dunn said. "They're designed to hack the brain. They're experimenting in, 'How little detail can we give you, and have your own brain synthesize detail in this piece and show it to you? How can we show you more by showing you less?'"

Dunn, who earned his doctorate in neuroscience at UPenn in 2011, has found a niche in artworks that feel like experiments — compositions that try to visually convey some of the information he has gleaned scientifically about how the brain works.

Several of his artworks are currently up at the Mütter Museum, in a show called "Mind Illuminated," which will be up through the end of 2015.

Part of the unique appeal of these works come from micro-etching, a technique Dunn invented along with collaborator Dr. Brian Edwards, in which sheets of gold are engraved on a microscopic scale so that the surface presents a shimmering array of color as the viewer moves past it.

The visual effect is not as complex as that of the firings of real neural pathways, but it serves to give some sense of it, Dunn said.

"In reality, they're firing at 100 hertz — 100 times a second — modifying the ways they're firing based on the inputs they're getting, faster or slower, shutting down or being enhanced. That kind of detail is way beyond our capacity with this technique," Dunn said. "What we can do is smash that data downward into a format which makes sense given our constraints."

The explorations up now at the Mütter Museum, however, may be a small prelude compared to what Dunn is now working on.

Dunn and Edwards, with whom he invented micro-etching techniques, were awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation to create a massive portrait of a sagittal view of the human brain.

Dunn, currently neck-deep in research and work on the piece with neuroscience and fine arts students, said of the project that he is "dead certain [it] is the most complex illustration of the brain in an artistic concept ever."

That piece, which he called "the big brain," is due to be unveiled at the Franklin Institute in June 2016.

"The average person knows nothing about the brain," Dunn said. "The idea is to create a piece large enough and detailed enough to give them a taste of how complex it all is."

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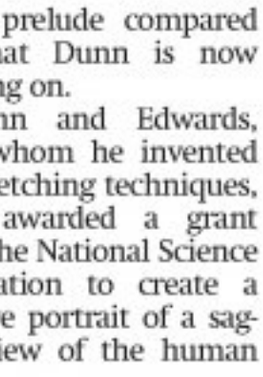

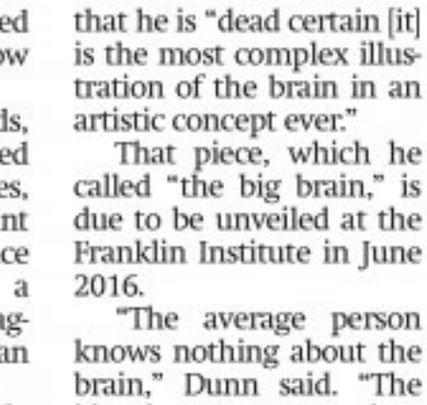

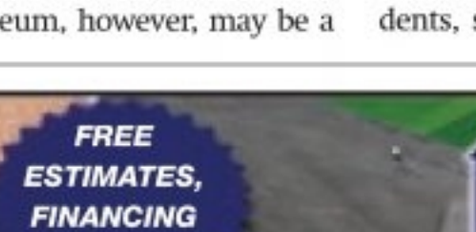

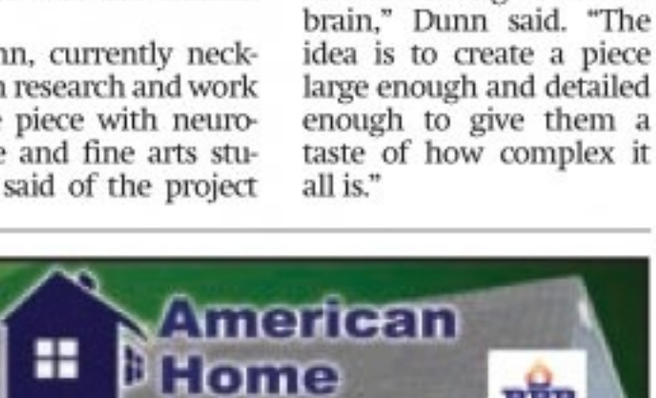

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UN panel to review airport security after Egypt plane crash

Its security audits evaluate countries' ability to oversee their airports, including how well they conform to those standards.

The United Nations' aviation agency said on Monday its panel of security experts will review ways to better protect airports from terrorism following concerns of lax security raised after a Russian plane was destroyed on Oct. 31.

The International Civil Aviation Organization-led panel, which is to meet in March 2016, will emphasize airport security following the crash of a Metrojet airline in Egypt, ICAO Council President Olumuyiwa Bernard Aliu told reporters Monday.

"This will address aviation security issues, the existing standards and to see where there are gaps and to see where we need to develop additional guidance material to assist our member states," said Aliu on the sidelines on a global aviation forum in Montreal.

"The security of our member states actually starts, in most cases, at the airport."

While stressing that flying is safe, Aliu said ICAO is focusing on finding a balance between aviation security and the facilitation of air travel. Montreal-based ICAO sets global safety standards for international flights and aviation security standards for 191 member countries.

> *"The question becomes did the airline and the airport exercise standard protocols? If they did, then we have a problem. If they didn't, then they have a problem."*
> Angela Gittens

"Most of our members are living up to those standards," Aliu said.

Aliu declined to comment on any new recommendations from ICAO in the wake of the destroyed plane, which had just departed from Sharm el-Sheikh airport.

"We have to wait for the results of the investigation," Aliu said. "If there are specific recommendations that we need to pay attention to, then you can rest assured that we will take action."

Debris belonging to the A321 Russian airliner are seen at the site of the crash in Wadi al-Zolomat, a mountainous area in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. GETTY IMAGES

European and U.S. officials have raised concerns over security at the Sharm el-Sheikh airport, with Britain and France initially suspending flights to the tourist region in the wake of the crash.

Angela Gittens, director general of Airports Council International, said airports generally review their security procedures following such incidents. The industry is still waiting for the investigation's results.

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BRIEF

U.S. border agent charged with carrying cocaine in car

A U.S. Border Patrol agent was arrested by state police in southern Arizona on charges of carrying 110 pounds of cocaine in a rented vehicle that he planned to drive to Chicago.

Juan Pimentel, 47, was detained without bail on a felony charge of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine stemming from his Nov. 18 arrest on Interstate 10 near Marana, Arizona, a criminal complaint document showed.

State troopers had stopped the border agent in his rented gray Ford Expedition because of a problem with his license plate, according to the complaint filed in federal court in Tucson.

Pimentel allowed the troopers to search the vehicle, and they found 50 bundles of cocaine inside four suitcases, the complaint stated.

Pimentel admitted to reaching a deal to deliver the 110 pounds of drugs to Chicago for $50,000, the complaint said. He also told the troopers he had a firearm in his bag.

The complaint did not say who had agreed to pay Pimentel to transport the drugs.

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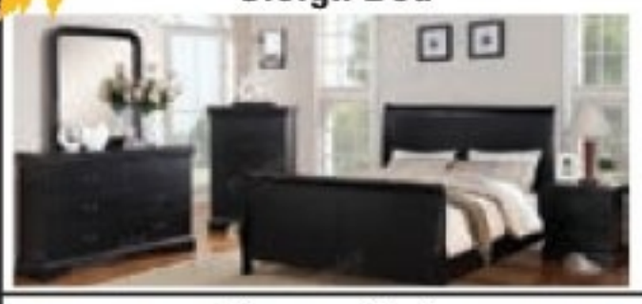

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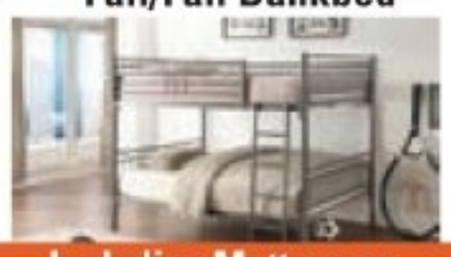

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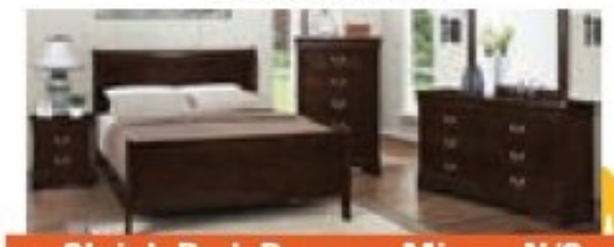

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France finds explosive belt, detects Paris suspect's cell phone

Device was found in an area of the city where fugitive Salah Abdeslam escaped.

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A suspected explosive belt was found dumped near Paris on Monday and the mobile phone of a fugitive believed to have taken part in the attacks Nov. 13 was detected in two locations in the city, a source close to the investigation said.

France and Belgium have launched a manhunt following the attacks that killed 130 people, with a focus on Brussels barkeeper Salah Abdeslam, 26, who returned to the city from Paris hours after the attacks and is still at large.

Abdeslam's mobile phone was detected after the attacks in the 18th district in the north of Paris, near an abandoned car that he had rented, and then later in Chatillon in the south, the source said Monday.

Detectives were examining what appeared to be an explosive belt found in a litter bin in the town of Montrouge, south of the capital and not far from Chatillon.

The source said it was too soon to say whether the belt had been in contact with Abdeslam, whose elder brother blew himself up during the gun and suicide bomb attacks.

One theory was that Abdeslam had intended to blow himself up in the 18th district but had abandoned the plan, although it was not clear why.

"Maybe he had a technical problem with his explosive belt," a police source said.

Fearing an imminent threat of a Paris-style attack, Belgium extended a maximum security alert in Brussels for a week but said the metro system and schools could reopen Wednesday.

"We are still confronted with the threat we were facing yesterday," Prime Minister Charles Michel said. Potential targets remained shopping areas and public transport.

Belgium has been at the heart of investigations into the Paris attacks since French law enforcement bodies said two of the suicide bombers had lived there. Three people have been charged in Belgium with terrorist offences, including two who traveled back with Abdeslam from Brussels. REUTERS

U.S. Army's AH-64 Apache helicopter GETTY IMAGES

Army helicopter crashes in South Korea, two dead

A U.S. Army Apache helicopter crashed in central South Korea on Monday during a training mission, killing two pilots aboard, police and military officials said.

The attack helicopter went down in the county of Wonju in Gangwon province, officials said.

The helicopter was assigned to the Second Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, said Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman.

"This happened during a routine training mission and sadly did kill both pilots," Davis said. "The cause is currently under investigation."

The identities of the pilots were being withheld pending notification of their families.

About 28,500 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea in joint defense with the South's forces against North Korea. The two Koreas are in a technical state of war under a truce after their 1950-53 Korean War. REUTERS

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Tax policy blowback begins on Pfizer-Allergan mega-deal

Pfizer is doing the largest inversion deal of all time. In a $160 billion transaction, it plans to move its tax address from the U.S. to Ireland, if only on paper, by buying out a smaller, Dublin-based Allergan.

Democratic politicians condemned Pfizer Inc.'s tax-avoiding "inversion" deal with Ireland's Allergan on Monday, bringing another round of Washington hand-wringing over corporate taxes — but probably no immediate legislative action.

Hillary Clinton, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination, blasted Pfizer for using legal loopholes to avoid paying its "fair share" of U.S. income taxes in a deal she said "will leave U.S. taxpayers holding the bag."

"We cannot delay in cracking down on inversions that erode our tax base," the former U.S. secretary of state said in a statement.

Executive management will remain in New York and Pfizer will keep extensive operations across the U.S., but the company will no longer have to pay taxes as a U.S. company.

The White House declined to comment on Pfizer's acquisition, but a spokesman told reporters in a briefing that Congress should take action to prevent inversions.

Congress, which remains deeply divided over fiscal issues, was widely seen by policy analysts as unlikely to overhaul the tax code before the 2016 elections. Riddled with loopholes that are deeply embedded in the U.S. economy, the code has not been thoroughly cleaned up since the Reagan administration.

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, who is Clinton's chief rival for the Democratic nomination, said in a statement that the deal "would allow another major American corporation to hide its profits overseas."

The U.S. Treasury Department last week unveiled new rules to clamp down on inversions, its second attempt to do so since a wave of these deals peaked in September 2014. The latest rules would not impede the Pfizer-Allergan transaction, analysts said.

Clinton said she would propose concrete steps the government could take to prevent inversions, but did not provide details.

Former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, another Democratic candidate, said on Twitter that as president he would fight mergers that "offshore taxes and jobs."

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"We will maintain our global operational headquarters in New York City. At the time we close the transaction, we will have over 40,000 employees across 25 states."

Pfizer CEO Ian in a letter on Monday

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Adele on track to set records

Adele performs on "Saturday Night Live." GETTY IMAGES

Adele's "25," released on Friday, won't officially enter the Billboard charts until next week, but Billboard said Saturday that the album sold more than 900,000 copies on Apple's iTunes store in its first day.

The current first week U.S. sales record is held by boy band NSync's 2000 record "No Strings Attached," which opened with 2.4 million copies.

On the Digital Songs chart, which measures online download sales, Adele's heartbreak ballad "Hello" held onto the top spot with another 327,000 copies sold this week.

As album sales have dropped drastically due to the rise in online streaming, it's increasingly rare for an artist to top 1 million copies sold in the first week. Taylor Swift was the last artist to achieve the milestone, with her "1989" album opening with 1.29 million last year.

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Penn State baseball plays in Cuba

Penn State university baseball team before a game with Cuban Industriales team at the Latin American stadium in Havana, Cuba on Monday. Before the game, Juan Barroso, the director of research at the Cuban Baseball Federation, discussed with the Penn State student-athletes the history and current structure of Cuban baseball. Rodolfo Puente, the vice-president of the federation and a hall of fame shortstop, and Hall of Famer Yosvany Aragón were also in attendance. GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Judy Garland's 'Wizard of Oz' dress fetches $1.5 million at auction

A dress worn by Judy Garland in the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz" sold for $1.56 million at an auction in New York on Monday.

The blue and white gingham dress, one of 10 thought to have been made for Garland in her role as Dorothy in the movie, was among the top items in the Bonham's and Turner Classic Movies Hollywood memorabilia auction.

Described as bearing sweat stains around the neck but in good condition, it had been expected to sell for between $800,000 and $1.2 million.

Monday's $1.56 million sale price includes commission. The buyer was not identified.

A year ago, the Cowardly Lion costume worn by actor Bert Lahr in the movie sold for almost $3.1 million at a Bonham's auction.

The most expensive item of movie memorabilia clothing was Marilyn Monroe's ivory-pleated "Subway" dress from the 1955 movie "The Seven Year Itch," which sold at auction in California in 2011 for $5.6 million.

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Green car technologies collide in Los Angeles

Asian automakers are opening up a new front in the contest to define the future of cars in California, fielding a flock of cars powered by hydrogen in a bid to woo green car buyers from Tesla Motors Inc., the battery electric vehicle leader.

Toyota, Honda and Hyundai used the opening days of the Los Angeles auto show, which draws thousands of car enthusiasts in one of the world's richest vehicle markets, to tout new fuel-cell cars. These use hydrogen in a process that creates electricity but not carbon dioxide. Automakers plan to offer these cars in California, although the rollout will be limited.

Hyundai says it has already leased its fuel-cell Tucson to about 85 customers, and Toyota says it has received expressions of interest from more than 2,000 people. Honda's Clarity sedan will be available only in late 2016. Fuel-cell technology is expensive, and hydrogen fueling stations are still rare. Hyundai's Tucson can be leased for $499 a month and sold only in Southern California, where there are about nine fueling stations.

Telsa Model X GETTY IMAGES

Toyota's new Mirai can run for 300 miles between charges. Bill Fay, general manager for Toyota brand sales in the United States, told Reuters that a concerted public-private push is needed to build more refueling stations.

"We need the government to support the investment in this and we hope that Honda and Hyundai will be coming in and provide some support," Fay said. "Then I think we have some critical mass to build from and take off from there."

California provides as much as $100 million a year to fund alternative fuel and vehicle projects, including hydrogen refueling stations.

Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk and other Tesla executives have taken shots at fuel cells and the tax-funded subsidies used to promote them. Fuel cell vehicles compete with Tesla's electric cars as generators of credits that could help conventional automakers meet California's complex zero emission vehicle quotas.

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Angelina Jolie is all about the menopause

Bet you didn't see that headline coming, right? So it turns out Angelina Jolie — who has never shied away from talking about anything, even a double mastectomy — has found a new facet of womanhood to promote and take the stigma away from, and it's the change. "I actually love being in menopause," the 40-year-old actress and director tells the Telegraph. And if you think 40 is a bit young, she explains that her surgeries to prevent ovarian and breast cancer caused physical changes that triggered it early. "I haven't had a terrible reaction to it, so I'm very fortunate. I feel older and I feel settled being older. I feel happy that I've grown up. I don't want to be young again." We get it, Angie. There isn't anything out there you can't be cool with.

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Is Rihanna about to pull a Beyonce?

Rihanna fans have been speculating for months about when her next album will drop, and it seems that the wait may soon be over. Twitter is abuzz with rumors that she will release a new album this Friday exclusively on Tidal, then unveil it on iTunes Dec. 4. With Apple Music courting celebrities such as Drake and Taylor Swift — both of whom dropped their albums early on the music service — it would be a bold move for Rihanna to premiere her album on Tidal. The album, which will be called "Anti," will be Rihanna's first release since 2012's "Unapologetic" and will include her three current singles — "FourFive Seconds," "B— Better Have My Money" and "American Oxygen."

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Filmmaker Todd Haynes has a knack for celebrating romance that society frowns upon in films like "Far From Heaven" and "Velvet Goldmine." His latest, the sumptuous "Carol," chronicles the doomed love affair between a well-heeled housewife (Cate Blanchett) and a shop girl who's an aspiring photographer (Rooney Mara).

What is it about the 1950s that keeps you coming back?

With "Carol," I think it was just that it came with the circumstances of the story and the novel. There was no reason to change the period to something else. It was exactly the time when Patricia Highsmith happened to be temping at Bloomingdale's on the doll floor, and this very handsome woman walked in and swept her off her feet. But it didn't turn me off that it was the same decade as "Far From Heaven," and in fact, I found as I started to research it that it's such a different 1950s, the beginning of that decade. It didn't resemble the high-gloss, Eisenhower '50s that we attribute to the period. This was more a really dirty, tired New York City — trash on the streets and sagging building fronts and people who looked dishevveled and kind of soiled. The whole climate felt very pre-Eisenhower, very postwar. It was a very different '50s and one that I didn't know much about.

With "Carol," "Far From Heaven" and even "Velvet Goldmine," I was curious about your attraction to stories about sexuality in specific 20th-century periods.

It's definitely marked by all three of those movies in different ways. For "Far From Heaven," it was very much how a woman would have to shoulder the burden of the family while a sort of unimaginable or scandalous kind of event would happen. And in the case of "Carol," it was something even more primary to gay love that was just about love — the delirium of falling in love and how much it casts you out of the world. In a way, it doesn't matter what the sex [is] — yours or the person you're falling in love with. It's just that crazy experience. Whereas with "Velvet Goldmine," it was so much about this unbelievable accident of popular culture that made androgyny, bisexuality, this whole other language of offered-up identities for young people to get into. So in that case, it really was the gay component, the queer component, right up front.

You could connect the women in "Carol" and the interracial relationship in "Far From Heaven."

Oh yeah, yes, exactly. I remember, after doing "Velvet Goldmine," being utterly exhausted and telling myself, "All right, next movie you don't have to take on the entire universe." And then of course I do race, sexuality and gender in one little tight knot set in Hartford, Connecticut. It was definitely a lot of big themes all rolled up into one.

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Working with Cate

What was the process of collaborating with Cate Blanchett on this character?

It's really just about talking, sharing all of the visual materials that I'm putting together for the creative team, being very closely involved in the process of the wig, the styling of the hair, the clothes — the shoes, the stockings, the girdles — all of those things inform who these women are and how they move and how they behave and what their constraints are materially and symbolically at this time in history. We also had about two weeks of rehearsal to spend, which is not always the case. It was so great just to have that time together around the table with the script.

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Working the TV road show

Scott Bakula keeps up a heavy commute to make "NCIS: New Orleans."

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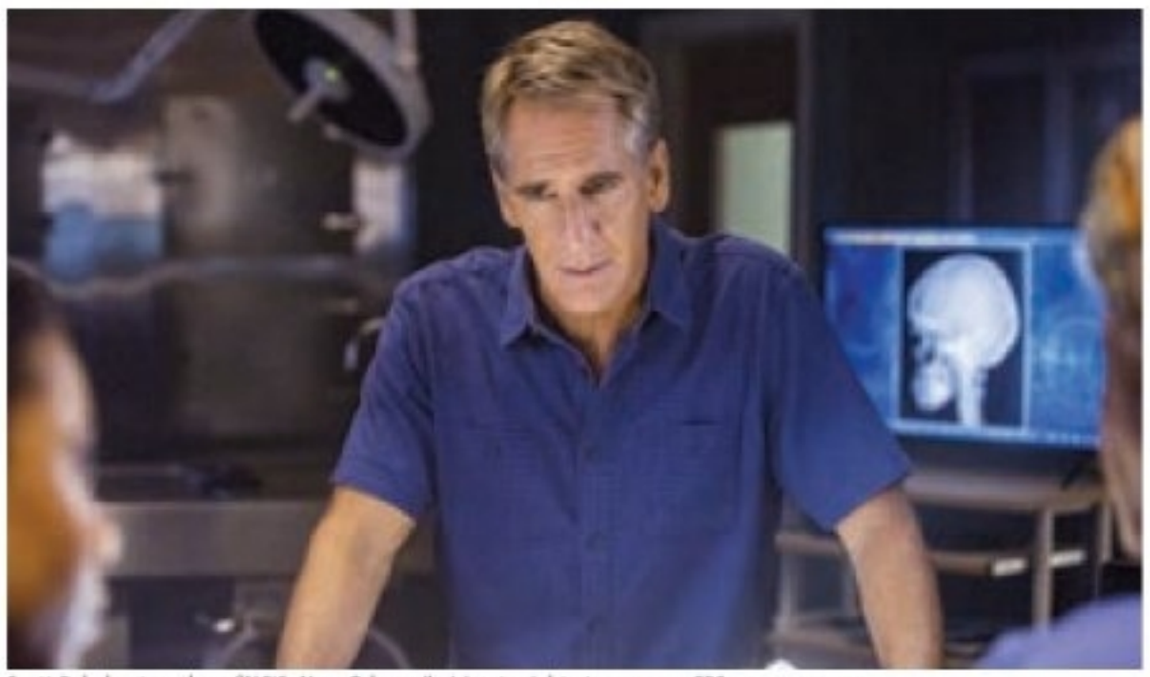


Scott Bakula at work on "NCIS: New Orleans," airing tonight at 9 p.m. on CBS. SKIP BOLEN/CBS

Scott Bakula is no stranger to TV, but a prime spot in CBS's "NCIS" empire is still a fairly new experience. Bakula is in his second season with "NCIS: New Orleans," which airs its mid-season finale tonight. He plays Senior Special Agent Dwayne "King" Pride — a job with its own challenges.

The original "NCIS" has been on the air for 12 years. Is it intimidating to follow that?

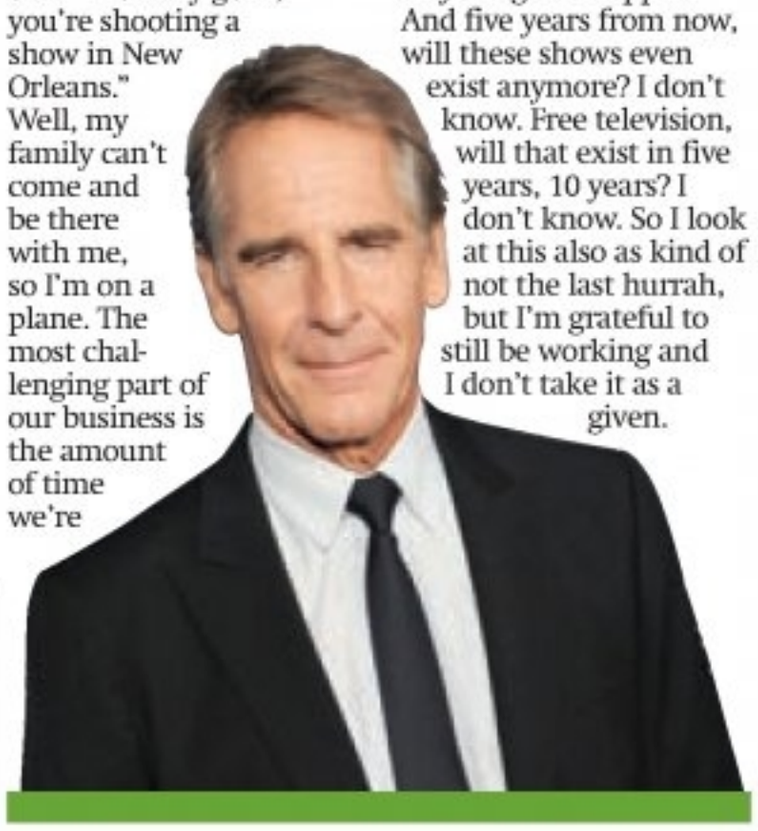
It's hard to get my head around. It's still hard to comprehend that you're following the most-watched TV show on Planet Earth. We were doing a crossover episode and I flew to L.A. to shoot with Mark [Harmon] and I was shooting Episode 4 and they were shooting Episode 240. It's kind of humbling, really.

Do you see a franchise entry like this as kind of a sure thing in TV?

I don't think there are any sure things anymore. I would've bet you a lot of money that "Men of a Certain Age" would've lasted more than 22 episodes and I would've lost a lot of money. I am still shocked by that. We just have to make a good show. People aren't lazy with their clickers. They switch channels if they don't like you. So if 17 million people are tuning in on a Tuesday night for "NCIS," and for our show everybody turns off the TV and we only get 10 million people — which is a lot for a lot of networks — but only 10 million on CBS and we'll be canceled. So I don't take anything for granted.

What's the biggest hesitation in taking on a job like this?

I think because I've done this long enough I don't really approach things that way. My biggest fear for something like this is being away from my family. It seems glamorous — "Oh my gosh, you're shooting a show in New Orleans." Well, my family can't come and be there with me, so I'm on a plane. The most challenging part of our business is the amount of time we're not at home, and maintaining relationships is tricky. And when you add to that being in another city it just magnifies that. I have no idea if the show will make it past this season, past the spring. Anything can happen. And five years from now, will these shows even exist anymore? I don't know. Free television, will that exist in five years, 10 years? I don't know. So I look at this also as kind of not the last hurrah, but I'm grateful to still be working and I don't take it as a given.



Crazy commuting

You were still working on HBO's "Looking" when you started "NCIS: New Orleans." How was that commute?

They had structured the "Looking" schedule around me being there on Saturdays. So a few times I was shooting until two or three in the morning in New Orleans and sleeping for two hours and then getting on two planes to get to San Francisco and shooting until two or three in the morning there and then find my way back to New Orleans Sunday night to start work on Monday morning. I'm not as young as I used to be, so that was a challenge. But I felt very powerfully moved to do "Looking."

New on Netflix

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Joaquin Phoenix is pretty hilarious during his drop-out period in "I'm Still Here." MAGNOLIA PICTURES

'I'm Still Here'

Joaquin Phoenix has been "back" for awhile now, re-establishing himself in "The Master," "The Immigrant" and "Inherent Vice" as one his generation's finest thespians. His brief, bizarre "retirement" — the one that resulted in the film "I'm Still Here" — almost seems like a distant memory. It shouldn't. Phoenix enraged many, including David Letterman, when he pretended to quit acting, grow a hive of hair and reinvent himself as a rapper. But it was more than a dumb stunt. Phoenix was exorcising some demons and anxieties when he threw off the shackles of fame, but he was also calling into question the notion that just because you're good at something it means you have to do it forever — even if you've lost your taste for it. MP

Isaiah Washington gives one of his best performance in "Blue Caprice." PROVIDED

'Blue Caprice'

Isaiah Washington also almost quit acting, but for a different reason. He was caught blurting out homophobic slurs to his "Grey's Anatomy" co-star T.R. Knight, then bungled the apology. Since then he's inched his way back into the mainstream, even appearing in "Blackbird," a drama about a gay teen in the deep South. But no matter his personal demons, Washington's as fine an actor as Phoenix, and he was terrific in "Blue Caprice" as a man coercing an abandoned kid into a series of shootings. The 2002 Beltway sniper attacks are the inspiration, but Alexandre Moors' film is all about getting into the headspace of two isolated people who convince themselves the heinous thing they're doing is right. MP

Barry Crimmins in "Call Me Lucky." MPI MEDIA GROUP

'Call Me Lucky'

It's no longer news that comic Bobcat Goldthwait has reinvented himself as a filmmaker — and a really good one too. Following in the footsteps of "World's Greatest Dad" and "God Bless America," Goldthwait turns to documentary by highlighting Barry Crimmins, a comic's comic who helped many talents, including Goldthwait, find their footing. Crimmins is also a survivor of child abuse, and the second half of the film shifts from its subject's cranky, political stage stylings to his passionate and moving pursuit to expose those, especially in the Catholic Church, who would take advantage of their power for their own destructive ends and elude punishment. MP

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Surviving 'Scream Queens'

Keke Palmer of "Scream Queens," on Fox tonight at 9, and Refinery29 hosted "Club Primania" to celebrate Primark's new King of Prussia store. GETTY IMAGES FOR PRIMARK

Keke Palmer is done with sorority life and red devils — for the moment.

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Actress Keke Palmer is a little relieved shooting for "Scream Queens" is over, so she can focus on her music. But that doesn't mean she's about to give us any spoilers. When asked if her character on the Fox horror/comedy satire, sorority girl Zayday Williams, survives to come back for Season 2, all Palmer will offer is an elusive "I hope!"

Palmer, who's been acting for most of her 22 years, was in town to host a launch party for U.K. clothing store Primark, opening its second U.S. location tomorrow in the former Sears space in the King of Prussia mall. The store focuses on "fast-fashion": inexpensive trend pieces you won't be wearing for too many seasons. (Like fellow fast-fashion retailer H&M, they also sell some basics with a longer fashion shelf life.)

We caught up with Palmer at the party, at the industrial Skybox Event Center in Fishtown, a few minutes before she debuted her new R&B single, "I Don't Belong to You."

You're into fashion, acting, singing — which one is your main passion?

I love them all. But I just finished "Scream Queens" and I'm getting ready to do "Grease" with Fox, but that's a bit more leisurely in the beginning, so now my focus can be on my music. I have the time to really work the way I want to work, since I don't have to be on set. So my main focus is finishing my album and just really getting the right sound.

Who are your biggest music influences?

Brandy is one of the biggest. Of course, Michael Jackson — he's everybody's influence. Aliyah, TLC, Mariah Carey, always been a big fan of hers. For people now who inspire me — Drake. He's very talented and he's no one genre. It doesn't matter the type of genre you listen to, you can hear his music and enjoy it. Same with The Weeknd.

Are you a big horror fan?

Of course, the biggest. I love "Scream Queens" so much because it blends my two favorites, horror and comedy.

Did you know the whole "Scream Queens" story line from the beginning or were you surprised by how it unfolded?

The writers are super-secretive so we know nothing until we receive the script. So suspenseful!

Krysten Ritter plays a down-to-earth hero on "Jessica Jones," which premiered Friday on Netfix. NETFLIX

'Jessica Jones' is great at portraying trauma

JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit Metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, Legion of Leia (Legionofleia.com)

I've been marathoning Marvel's new Netflix series "Jessica Jones" and I'm pretty blown away. I'm not going to spoil anything for you since this is likely to be a big Thanksgiving weekend binge-watch. I just wanted to tell you all why I'm impressed.

For anyone who's gone through a significant trauma, you're going to see yourself in this. Not that you've been mind-controlled by a super villain bathed in purple light and forced to do unspeakable things, but there is a universality to PTSD. Many of us have experienced it in one form or another, from the nightmares to the insomnia to the panic attacks. Some of us have let it make decisions for us. Some of us have let it paralyze us.

Whatever version of this you've experienced, "Jessica Jones" gives us a look at a fairly accurate extreme version of this reaction. In science fiction or fantasy, we often get a chance to take a hard look at things that are difficult to talk about in a real-life setting. Consider the episode of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" called "The Body," where Buffy finds her mother's body on the couch. It was a look at grief and shock that we hadn't seen on TV yet. Even the feel of it was a testament to what we all go through at some point. There was no music, no feeling that everything is going to work out fine.

What we see in "Jessica Jones" is an in-your-face look at trying to get over something traumatic. Something I've recently learned about is post-traumatic growth, something that sometimes happens when a traumatic event occurs. Instead of retreating, someone uses it to become better, stronger — to continue the fight.

Jessica may be having serious issues, but she's not backing down. We watch her work through it. She's not a dark hero with a past that makes her look melancholy at times or gives her a sympathetic reason to look pouty or deep. She hasn't conquered it yet. We get to feel the pain along with her and watch every difficult moment as she works to move on.

Sometimes, getting to see someone else go through something on screen, having as hard a time as you do in real life, is incredibly therapeutic. Though I haven't finished the season yet, I'm absolutely along for the ride.

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Expert tips for doing Black Friday right

BeFrugal.com CEO Jon Lal shares his tips for winning big on Black Friday.

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There is only one thing that gets people more excited than turkey and stuffing around the end of November, and that's Black Friday. BeFrugal.com CEO Jon Lal gives us advice on tackling the biggest shopping day of the year with the smallest amount of stress. Read on for his suggestions.

Get organized

Know what you want and where to get it. "It's worth organizing things you really, really want on a separate list," advises Lal. He recommends keeping track of what specific brands and models you are shopping for, as well as your budget for each item. This will save you time when things are flying off of shelves.

Another tip: "Remember that you're fighting against a limited supply," says the expert. So start early and prioritize.

Stay connected

Lal says that if specific brands and model types are important to you, it's good to pay attention to retailers on social media. "Get on their email newsletter lists and follow them on Facebook and Twitter," Lal says. "You want to be plugged into the stores."

Electronics are the first to go, so do your research ahead of time to see which stores are offering the best deals. GETTY IMAGES

Watch for electronic deals

Though it varies every year, electronic items like phones, computers and tablets are popular on Black Friday. "They tend to run out the quickest," Lal says. His tip: Keep an eye out for early specials because electronics often go on sale before Friday.

Watch out for impulse buys

Even when you have a plan and a budget, there are always those items you buy on a whim that become your budget's downfall. Being in a store is more tempting and more attractive than shopping online, says Lal. Stick to the items on your list to avoid overspending. "Stores know you'll do more shopping," he says. "They have everything set up [strategically] so you might buy a bunch of other stuff."

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How to shop Cyber Monday like a pro

Our finance expert gives her tips for tackling online sales after the Black Friday insanity is over.

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For some people, waking up at the crack of dawn the day after Thanksgiving to go shopping sounds like a nightmare. If you, like us, want to save — while in the comfort of your PJs — you're in luck. Many of the same deals are happening online.

Finance expert Andrea Woroch gives us her tips on making the most of these sales. And here's a bonus: thanks to some early specials, you don't have to wait until the weekend's over to start shopping and saving.

Do your research

Woroch's first tip: Start planning now what you want to buy. "Do your research beforehand to get a sense of prices," she says. "When you don't have a plan you can get overwhelmed and tempted by other deals." The best way to find online deals is to follow retailers on different social media platforms and sign up for their email newsletters. "Sales are starting earlier than they used to, so start following them now," she advises.

Focus on items you don't have to try on

"Online shopping is great for something you already know you want," says Woroch. "With clothes, you want to try them on and feel their quality and you can't do that online." If you're looking for electronics, try and find an online sale. When you know what brand or model you want, there's no need to see it in person. Woroch also says there are online alerts you can set up to compare prices — such as CheapShark.com — saving the time it takes to go from store to store.

Be aware of return policies

This is a tip that applies to Cyber Monday as well as in-store Black Friday shopping. "People think there's an endless inventory, when actually only a few are sold," says Woroch. Don't expect to fill your virtual shopping cart with everything you want, because there's a good chance an item you are looking for will sell out in cyberspace.

Woroch says to pay attention to whether or not you can return something if you change your mind as well. "Make sure there are return policies," she warns. "And be aware of [what they are] on the items you bought." You don't want to take a hit for an item you are supposed to be saving on.

Cyber Monday isn't the only day for online deals

The Internet discounts won't disappear as soon Cyber Monday is over. You can still find deals during the rest of the year as well. Woroch says that many online retailers have free shipping days closer to the December holidays, where you'll only have to pay for the items you buy. "You don't have to get everything all at once," she says. "There are other days when you can find deals."

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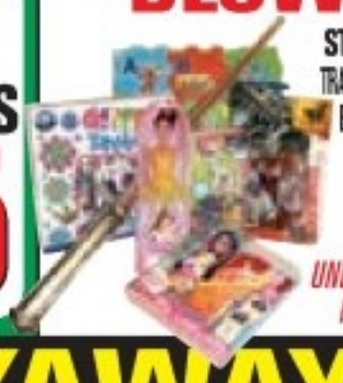

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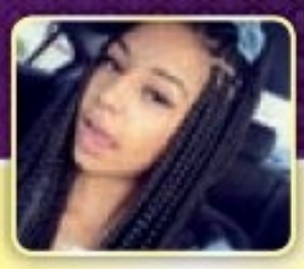

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A majority of U.S. consumers plan to go to Amazon.com for most of their online holiday shopping, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll, even after traditional retailers have collectively spent billions of dollars to try to capture Web demand.

The survey of 3,426 adults conducted from Nov. 12 to 18 found that 51 percent plan to do most of their online shopping at Amazon this holiday season, compared to 16 percent at Walmart, 3 percent at Target and 2 percent at Macy's. A little more than a quarter of respondents said they would use another retailer not listed in the poll.

The poll underscored the hurdles that traditional retailers face in expanding online. Their own sales data this week showed that such efforts were falling short.

Target said its digital sales grew 20 percent in the latest quarter, missing its expectations for a 30 percent gain. The discount retailer cited weakness in electronics demand. Wal-Mart reported quarterly online sales growth of 10 percent, slower than its target growth in the mid-to-high teens this fiscal year. Wal-Mart pointed to sluggish market conditions in China, Britain and Brazil, and said it fared better in the United States.

In contrast, Amazon.com had posted a 28 percent jump in North American sales in its quarterly report last month.

"The Big Kahuna that continues to grab market share is Amazon," said Craig Johnson, head of retail consultants Customer Growth Partners. "Both Wal-Mart and to some extent Target have simply not kept pace enough." REUTERS

Prime advantage

For many shoppers, Amazon has become synonymous with online shopping. It gained tens of millions of members to its Prime service by offering access to movies, music and other services in addition to free shipping — in return for an annual fee.

Amazon can also focus on online sales because it does not have to worry about getting customers into physical stores, said Kerry Rice, an analyst at Needham & Co.

"They drive you to that site in many, many ways," Rice said of Amazon. "It's not about driving foot traffic to retail stores."

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How to win over the reluctant host of your Thanksgiving party.

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Thanksgiving is almost here, and if you've scored a coveted dinner invitation, the pressure is on.

Not to make sure the dish you're bringing is perfect. Or dressing to impress on a day when your only obligation is to finish it as stuffed as the turkey. No, you're probably anxious about making a new friend — specifically, the cat of the house.

As stressful as holiday parties can be for both of you, it can be a great chance to become friends. There's less pressure on you to interact constantly with the hosts, and you can make yourself a safe space for the cat amid the noise and chaos.

At Purina's recent Better With Pets forum, we caught up with Christina Ha, an expert in making new feline friends — "In the past two years, I've had over 100 cats in my life!" — and entertaining as the co-owner of NYC's first cat cafe, Meow Parlour. She shared her tricks to winning over the one Thanksgiving guest who can't be easily impressed.

Petting 101

Hooray, you've managed to stay cool enough to earn the cat's attention. Now what? Allow it to sniff you but don't start petting, even if it's smelling your hand. The moment you know you're in is when the cat starts rubbing the side of is head against you to scent mark you as one of its tribe. Encourage this by petting the areas they're rubbing against you: Scratching lightly behind the ears is a big winner, as well as stroking under the chin and petting the top of the head. Don't venture below the neck unless the cat invites it.

Skip the perfume. The cat is already going to be on edge from all the encroachment on its territory, the strange noises and having all of its favorite spots taken. Wearing perfume or cologne is just another bit of newness, but it could also bother the cat's nose. Try to smell as neutral as possible by sticking to deodorant and clean clothes.

Don't make eye contact. The cat will perceive it as aggression if it doesn't know you. Basically, you want to act more like a cat by avoiding any direct acknowledgement of it, and the cat will take notice of your appropriate aloofness in time.

Don't bring a new toy. It may seem like a nice hostess gift that benefits you, too. But the cat won't know how it works, and maybe it's too noisy and scary or not noisy enough and uninteresting. If the cat is feeling good about walking around in the same space with everyone, ask the host to lend you a toy the pet is familiar with — if the cat knows how the toy will behave and how to respond to it, that's a ton of anxiety taken out of the situation.

Let them make the first move. Don't try to touch or pick up a cat just because it's sitting there or, worse, walking by. As its cliched but accurate reputation for curiosity overwhelms fear, the cat will likely take an interest in your stuff first, so make sure there's nothing in your purse that you don't want it to get into. Don't take that interest as a sign to pet though — it's familiarizing itself with you, not making overtures (yet).

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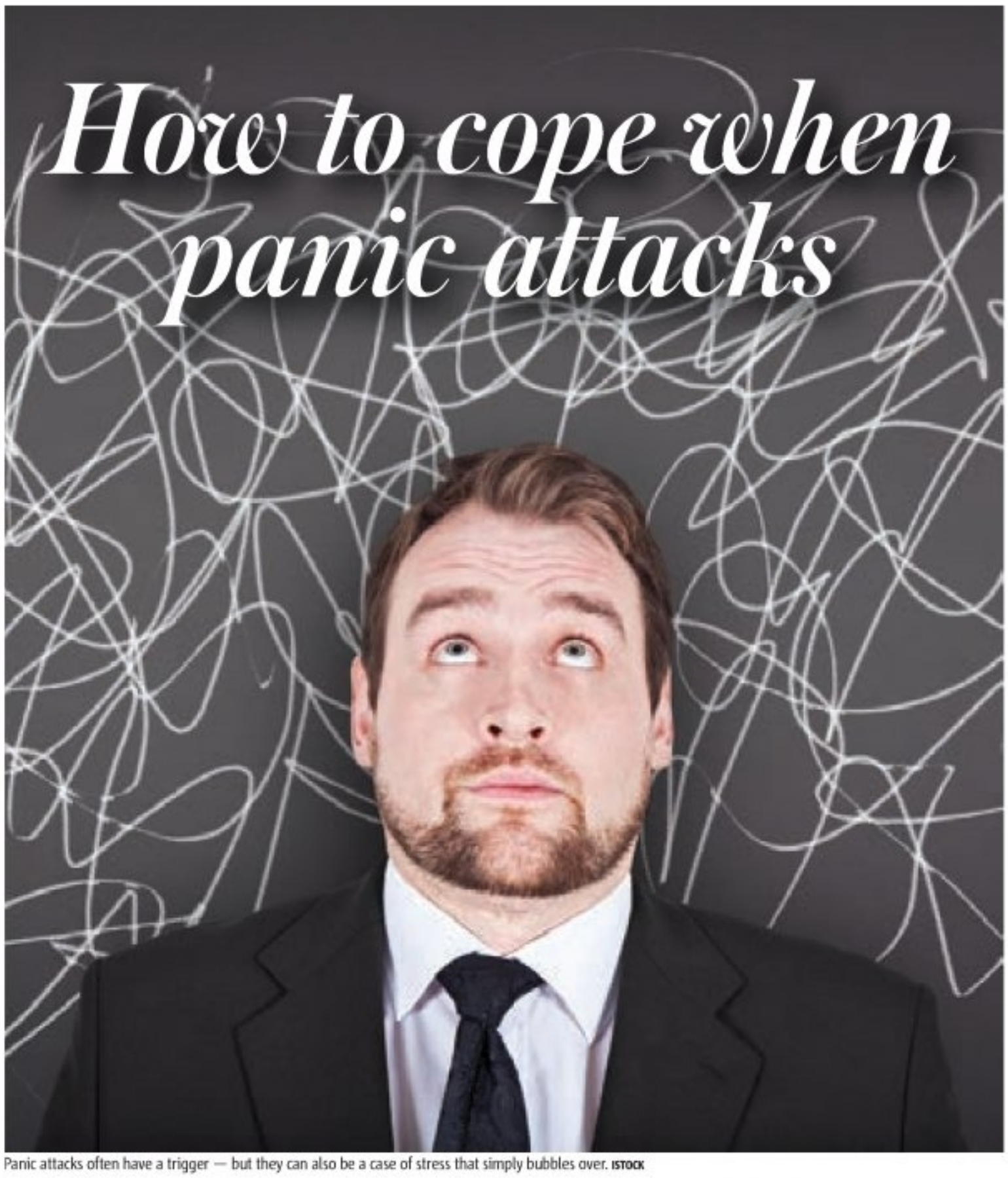

Panic attacks often have a trigger — but they can also be a case of stress that simply bubbles over. ISTOCK

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Once Upon a Couch

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I still remember the first time I came face to face with a problem that sends clients to my office every day.

While driving down Interstate 95 a few years ago in Florida, I became increasingly anxious. When a lane suddenly ended and I had to merge, I began to feel light-headed and sweaty. My chest began to constrict, and I was seized by terror. The maelstrom of multiple, interchanging, merging lanes and endless stream of drivers overwhelmed my senses — not ideal anywhere, but especially not on a highway.

As a psychotherapist, I recognized what was happening: I was having my first panic attack. Knowing this, I coached myself to take deep breaths, sing a song and kept it together long enough to get off at the next exit.

But many people don't recognize the signs, making the experience all the more terrifying. Many even think they're having a heart attack.

Because this time of year can bring on as much major stress and anxiety as joy, here's how to deal with the unexpected.

What is a panic attack?

A panic attack is an intense bout of disabling anxiety. They usually last about 10 minutes and can occur at any time, including in the middle of the night. Typical symptoms include racing or pounding heart, sweats, chills, dizziness, light-headedness, tingly or numb hands, stomach or chest pains and the sense that one is losing their grasp on reality. They affect more women than men, and can begin anytime after late adolescence.

Studies suggest that heredity may play a role in panic attacks, and some people might simply be wired to have an overactive fight-or-flight response. But no one knows why some people have them and others do not.

What are the triggers?

Panic attacks can happen for no apparent reason, though they are usually linked to stress. They can also be triggered by certain stressful situations (like standing in an elevator, if you have claustrophobia).

Some people only experience one panic attack in their life. But left untreated, panic attacks can develop into a disabling anxiety disorder, which affects about 2.4 million Americans. In extreme cases, people may be afraid to leave their homes for fear of experiencing a panic attack in public.

What are the options?

Thought not preventable, panic attacks are treatable with exposure therapy (which desensitizes the brain to fear via gradual exposure to triggers), cognitive-behavioral therapy (which challenges irrational thinking) and medication.

Exercise and diet can also reduce the chance of having recurring panic attacks. Check with your doctor to rule out disease.

Penn's Ivy title is a shocker

In an unlikely turn of events, the Quakers are the top team in the Ivy League.

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The Quakers had a 20-0 advantage early over 1-9 Cornell and all but wrapped up their conference title early Saturday afternoon. PENN ATHLETICS

This just wasn't supposed to happen. With a new coach in place for the first time in 24 years, no one was expecting the kind of scene that unfolded late Saturday afternoon at Franklin Field following Penn's 34-21 win over Cornell.

Players thrusting one finger high in the air, while men and women of all ages hugged each other. That was followed by a spirited version of the alma mater, before an old championship winning tradition that goes back to the days of legendary Celtics coach Red Auerbach — victory cigars — were lit.

Penn's 17th Ivy League championship, which was assured when the Quakers scored on their first three possessions before taking their foot off the gas the final three quarters, may well be most unlikely in school history. Coming off disappointing 4-6 and 2-8 seasons under longtime coach Al Bagnoli, the Quakers promptly started off the Ray Priore era 1-3.

To imagine then they'd reel off six straight W's to finish 7-3 and earn a piece of the title with Harvard and Dartmouth at 6-1 — the first three-way tie in the Ivies since 1982 — is simply, well, unimaginable.

> *"They probably don't realize what they accomplished. For six straight games it's been backs to the wall."* Ray Priore

"It's a testament to Coach P," said senior nose guard Dan Connaughton. "We got a little taste of what winning was like our freshman year and it lingers there, it sits in the back of your mind. At the beginning of the year, we had a players-only meeting and I told the guys that we had to try to do something special. But I don't think I realized how special it would end up being."

Picked for sixth in the Ivies, the Quakers gave an early hint they might be better than suspected when they knocked off then No. 5 in the FCS Villanova, 24-13. But losses to Dartmouth and Fordham followed, leaving no margin for error.

Rather than continue to fall, the Quakers rallied behind quarterback Alek Torgerson (19 touchdowns passing, five rushing with just three interceptions), 1,000-yard receiver Justin Watson, and a defense that forced 25 turnovers for the season. They reeled off convincing wins over Columbia, Yale and Brown got by rival Princeton in overtime, then stunned Harvard in Cambridge last week, snapping the Crimson's 22-game winning streak.

The only drama Saturday was whether Dartmouth and Harvard would join the Red and Blue at the top. After some anxious moments — particularly for Dartmouth at Princeton — both did.

But that will do nothing to take away from what these Quakers quite unexpectedly managed to accomplish.

"This is the most gritty team I've been around in my tenure here," said Priore. "I'm so proud of them."

Six games later, to the surprise of just about everyone, the Penn Quakers are back on top in the Ivies. But while his players went out to celebrate Saturday night, Priore had something else in mind.

"I'm going to sleep," he laughed. "I haven't slept in 13 weeks."

Which is only fair, because this year everyone else snoozed on Penn.

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Jeffrey Lurie handed Chip Kelly the keys to his team, and so far, it’s been pretty ugly. GETTY IMAGES

The following conversation (between Eagles head coach Chip Kelly and owner Jeffrey Lurie) will never take place:

“Hello Jeff? Hey, it’s Chip. Listen, we’re at the airport, heading to Detroit. I wanted to call to apologize. So . . .

“Listen, it’s on me. All of it. I’ll never say that publicly, but I have to be honest because you’re the guy paying me $6.5 million a year. I talk about culture over X’s and O’s. Well, that’s a lot of hooey, isn’t it? Culture is what comes from wins, and we’ve only got five on those in the last 14 games.

“And scheme? People tagged me as innovative, Jeff. Fooled them, eh? I seemed a creative genius when I was whipping Washington State. I have to admit, I didn’t count on these NFL types figuring out my quick-pace offense so soon. After that? Well, to be candid, I’ve got no Plan B here, so . . .

“I guess coaching college kids was easier. I never got attitude from them. Now I’ve got Sanchez sniping at Sproles, and other guys ripping DeMarco for that scaredy-cat hook slide against Miami. Finger pointing. Huh? What’s that you say, Jeff? I did the same by calling out Billy Davis and the defense Sunday? Hmm, maybe you have a point.

“Listen, I appreciate that you let me push Howie aside on New Year’s Day. That little guy drove me nuts. Turns out, this player evaluation thing is tougher than I expected.

“Foles for Bradford looks like a wash. Neither is going to be your Super Bowl QB. And, well, you’re right, Jeff, I did spend an extra $13 million on Bradford that could have kept Jeremy Maclin around. Not to mention that second-round pick we gave St. Louis. We could have used that next year to improve this O line that I’ve let go to seed, eh?

“Kiko Alonso? Well, he sure played well for me back at Oregon. Yeah, he was dreadful Sunday. Made one tackle, as that Doug Martin ran right over him. In hindsight, I might have screwed up by giving away Shady for that guy.

“Well, at least we didn’t have to give anyone up to get Byron Maxwell and Miles Austin. Just your money. Heh, heh. Wait, you’re not laughing.

“We can talk about the draft another time. We’re all thrilled with Jordan Hicks, right? What’s that? The first two rounds? Well, Nelson Agholor and, uh, Eric Rowe, and . . . hey, the reception is getting a little fuzzy here. Let’s change the topic. So . . .

“Look, Jeff, I just want you to know I’m not about to quit on you for USC or any other college job. I’m an Eagle for life. Or at least the next two years at $13 million.

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The **Committee on Public Property and Public Works** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**, at **10:00 AM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following items:

150652 An Ordinance amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," for the purpose of improving the quality of life for students, teachers and all City residents by authorizing capital expenditures for improvements to property owned by the City and City-related agencies including the School District of Philadelphia, all under certain terms and conditions.

150770 An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise title in some or all of the parcels of land together with the improvements thereon situate commonly known as 351-355 West Penn Street and 5322-5334 Newhall Street, under certain terms and conditions.

150809 An Ordinance authorizing the City's Managing Director or his designee to enter into a cable television franchise renewal agreement with Comcast of Philadelphia, LLC and Comcast of Philadelphia II, LLC, renewing the cable television franchises granted by the City to Comcast for Franchise Areas I, II, III and IV, under certain terms and conditions.

150818 An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire title or a lesser interest such as an easement, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Delaware River and the Delaware River Trail, and authorizing an agreement between the City and the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the PRA to act as the City's condemnation agent, under certain terms and conditions.

150846 An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, in parcels of land along the Delaware River and the Kensington & Tacony Trail, under certain terms and conditions.

150849 An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and the Director of Commerce, acting on behalf of the City to enter into an agreement with Tinicum Township, Delaware County, for the lease and purchase from Tinicum Township of an approximately 21.8 acre parcel of land adjacent to Philadelphia International Airport which is currently in use as a safety area at the end of a runway, under certain terms and conditions.

150850 An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development all or part of a parcel commonly known as 2721-2777 Ruth Street, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Public Property and Public Works, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

Michael Decker
Chief Clerk

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PURSUANT TO THE LAND RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION STANDARDS ACT, the Act of May 19, 1995, P.L. #4, No. 2 (Act 2), notice is hereby given that 3509 Spring Garden, LP (Remediator) is submitting a Final Report to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southeastern Regional Office, for the property known as 3509-13 Spring Garden Street, in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Site), for a release associated with an onsite heating oil UST. Some semi-volatile organic compounds were detected in soil, and volatile organic compounds were detected in groundwater at the site. Remediation includes pathway elimination using Site Specific Standards for impacted soil, and demonstration of attainment of Residential Statewide Health Standards for groundwater. Questions and comments should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, Land Recycling/Cleanup Division, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

PURSUANT TO THE LAND RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION STANDARDS ACT, the Act of May 19, 1995, P.L. #4, No. 2 (Act 2), notice is hereby given that the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation is submitting a Final Report to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southeastern Regional Office, for the site located at the northwest corner of North 10th Street and Vine Street in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Site). Development plans include construction of a multi-story Residential use property at the site. The site is currently a parking lot. Some PAHs have been detected in soil; and some volatile organic compounds have been detected in groundwater. The remediator intends to demonstrate attainment of Site Specific Standards in soil by elimination of exposure pathways through engineering controls, and Site Specific Standards for Groundwater by collection of quarterly groundwater attainment data. Questions and comments should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, Land Recycling/ Cleanup Division, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

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7 Letters
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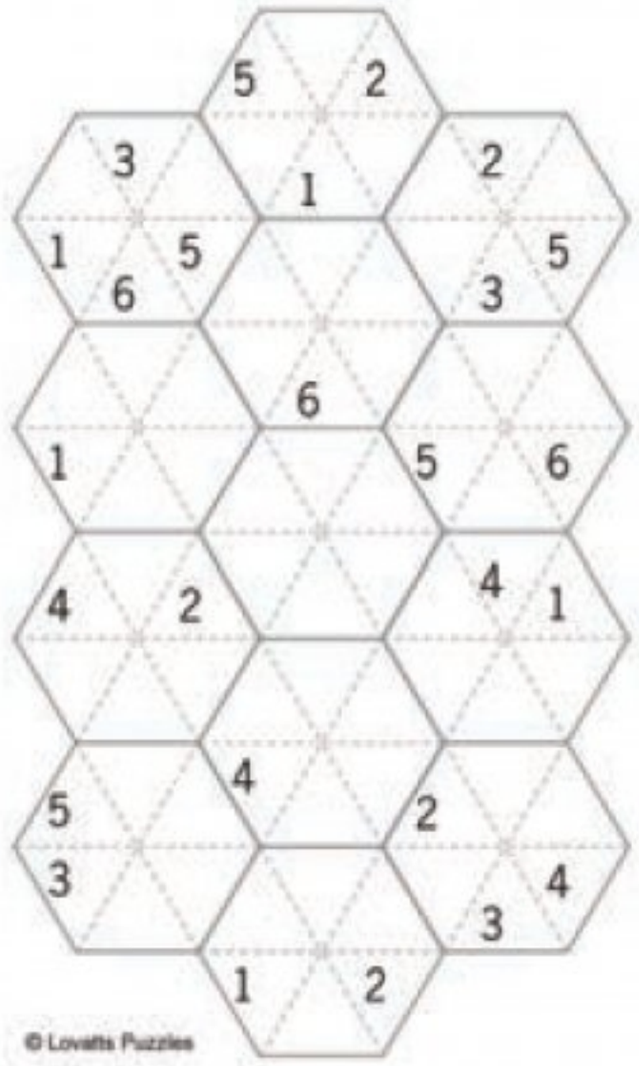

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6 Hot soak
10 Invitation ltrs.
14 In the least (2 wds.)
15 Gen. Robert — —
16 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.)
17 Tattered
18 Release (2 wds.)
20 That ship
21 Marlins' city
23 Raised the stakes
24 Med. staffers
25 Exist
26 Round Table knight
29 Taken care of
34 Impromptu (2 wds.)
35 Ripe, as a pear
36 Swing off-course
37 Favoritism
38 Hierarchy levels
39 Strongly advise
40 Donne's "done"
41 Blazers
42 Wry
43 Thugs
45 Whole lot
46 Wabash loc.
47 City near Phoenix
48 Heavy rainfall
51 — Davis of "The Fly"
53 Frat letter
56 Eats in a hurry (2 wds.)
58 Clutches
60 Pakistan's language
61 Be a party to
62 Marquis's inferiors
63 Sit-down occasion
64 Leaning tower town
65 Prevent

Down
1 Jostles
2 Idaho neighbor
3 Other sock
4 Short lunch?
5 Apollo's games
6 Test versions
7 Ex-senior
8 Ms. Garr of film
9 Egg producer
10 End a shutdown
11 Pause
12 Flower holder
13 Implored
19 Virginia caverns
22 Motor lodge
24 Far East land
25 Orbit segments
26 Eva or Zsa Zsa
27 Farewell
28 Quay
29 Women with nieces
30 Fixes the fight
31 Greek fast food
32 Aerie builder
33 Live
35 San — Capistrano
38 Line on a map
39 Bear in the sky
41 Movies
42 Harmed
44 Off and on
45 Knock-knock joke
47 Rumormonger
48 Crawled, perhaps
49 Study hard
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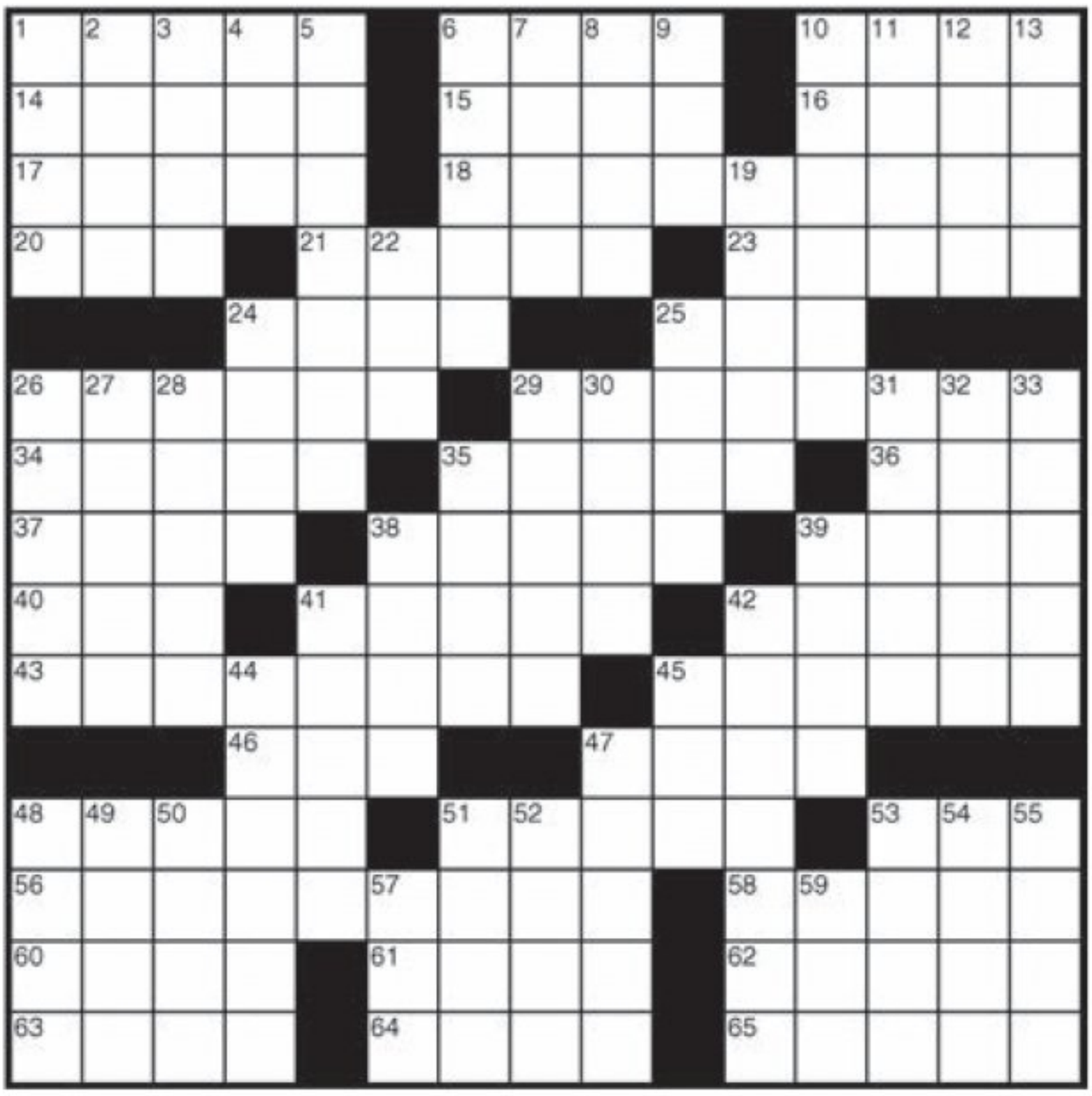

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Aries Celebrate by hosting a gathering of friends and colleagues for some light entertainment. Make sure you stick to your budget.

Taurus Overspending or overindulging will take a toll on your health. Loved ones will feel left out if you don't include them in your plans.

Gemini A partnership will go downhill if you are not honest regarding your intentions. You will be left taking the blame for someone else's actions.

Cancer Someone you meet at a social event will have something to offer professionally or personally. If you need assistance, call in favors.

Leo Be truthful about what you can and cannot do. Don't embellish your talents to others or your reputation will suffer. Avoid gambling.

Virgo Lessen your anxiety by tackling projects you can work on by yourself. Trying to get along with others will add to your stress.

Libra You need a change, but making some residential improvements could be costly if you don't get estimates up front.

Scorpio Standing on the sidelines will not get you ahead. If you let everyone know that you are willing to accept responsibility, offers will come your way.

Sagittarius It's better to spend your energy pleasing others rather than letting life's little annoyances lead to a dispute.

Capricorn Stop complaining and start taking action. You will receive encouragement from an unexpected source if you decide to take a stand.

Aquarius Don't let self-doubt stand in the way of your progress. It's time to consider what you hope to accomplish by year's end.

Pisces A promotion is within reach. Be open to new employment possibilities that are not in your current area of expertise. EUGENIA LAST

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	6	7				3	4	1

hard

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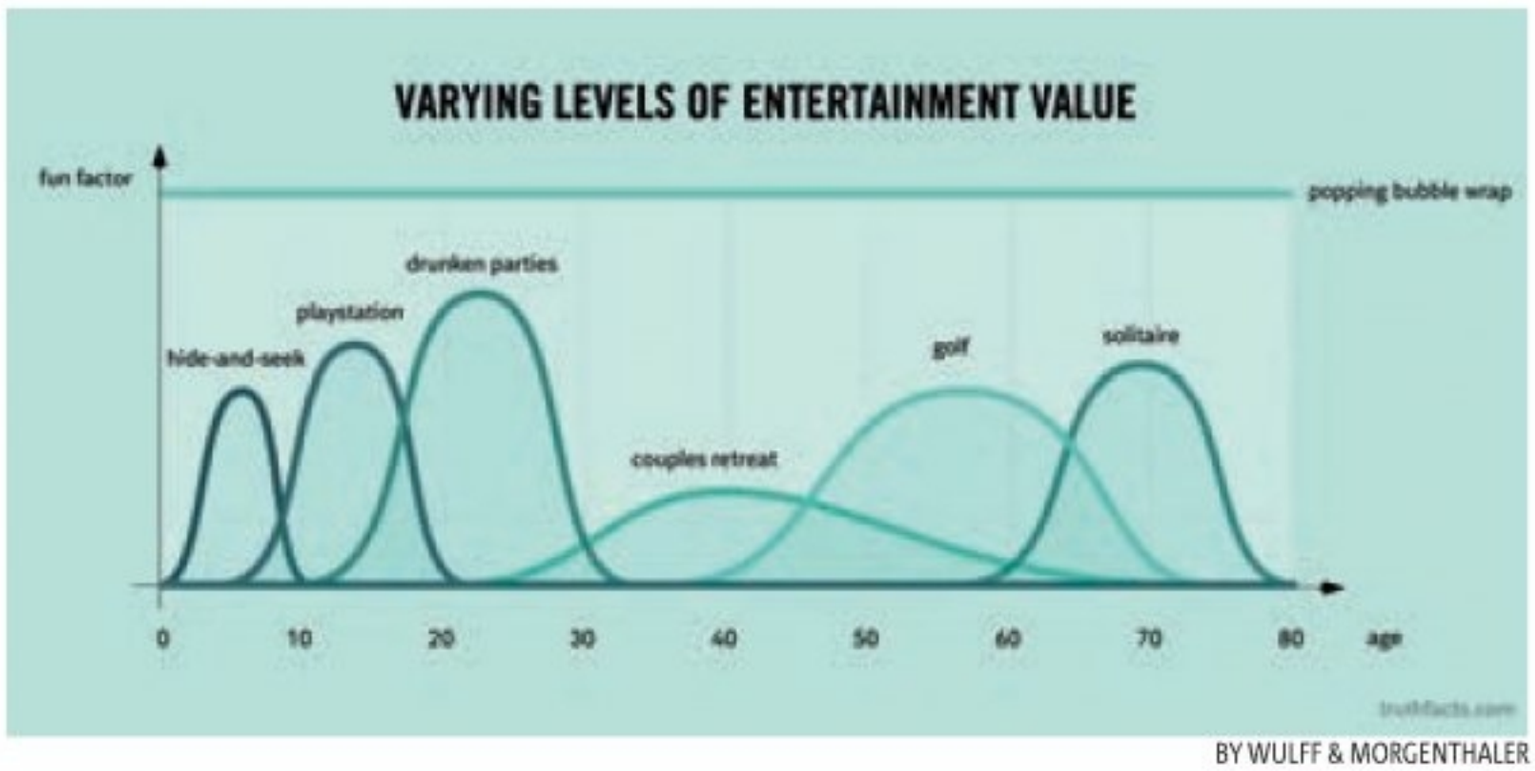

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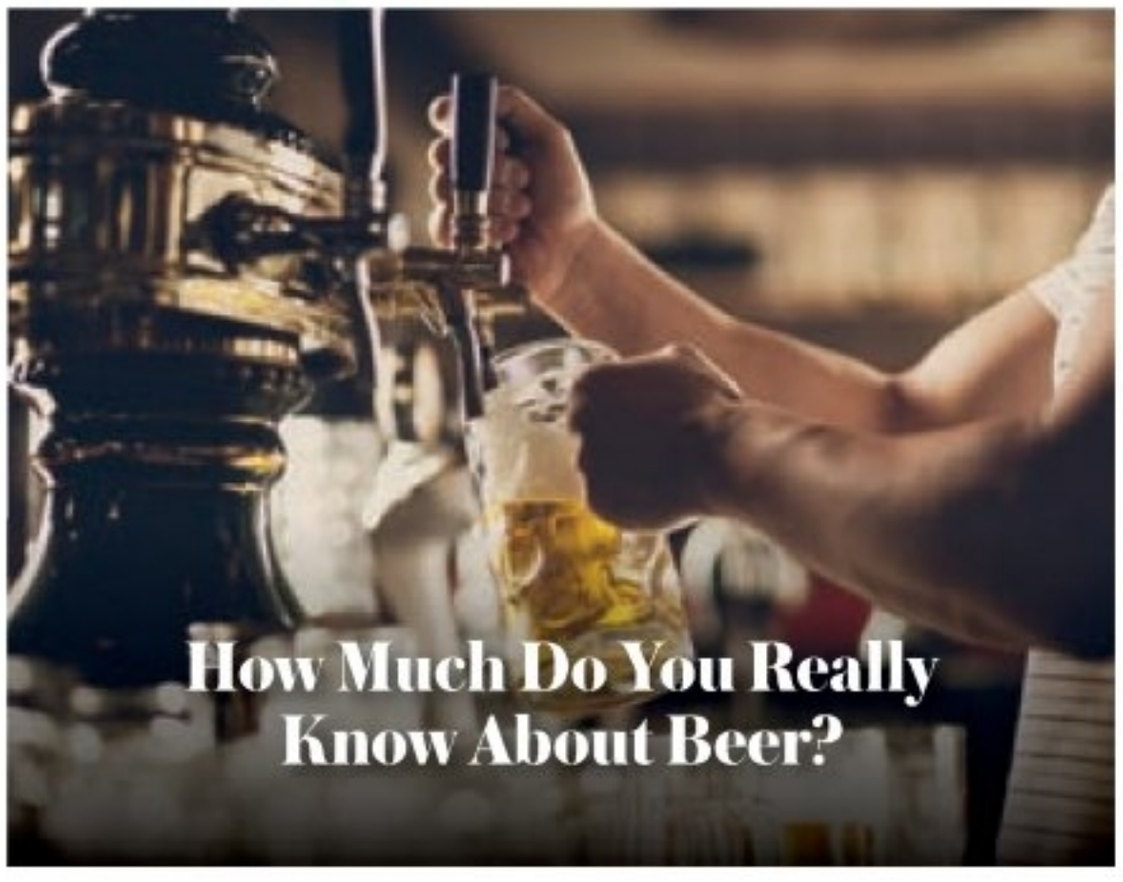

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